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Dear Interested Public:

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) and the Nevada Department of Wildlife (NDOW) are proposing an enclosures and water development maintenance and installation project in the Goshute Mountain/Toano Range, approximately 15 miles southwest of Wendover, Nevada. The proposed project consists of the following:

- 1) construct temporary pipe rail fences around five degraded springs within the Bluebell and Goshute Peak Wilderness Study Areas (WSAs) to improve wildlife water sources thereby benefiting/improving wilderness values;
- 2) repair or modify existing "grandfathered" water diversions and troughs to a functional condition; and
- 3) construct two water diversions and troughs for wildlife and wild horse use.

The proposed project would result in less than 0.59 acres of surface disturbance, and would be a major step towards re-introducing bighorn sheep to the Goshute Range.

In accordance with 40 CFR 1501.7, for implementing the procedural provisions of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), the BLM will be preparing an EA for the proposed project. The EA will disclose and analyze the possible environmental impacts of the proposed action and alternative(s). The BLM is asking, as part of the scoping effort, for the public to submit any concerns for consideration, and any and all information that would help provide for a thorough and accurate analysis.

The public is invited to provide input on the proposed project by April 9, 2013. Your input will help guide development of the EA, including the identification of relevant issues and possible alternatives. Please send written input to Mr. Bruce Thompson at the above address or e-mail WellsNepaComments@blm.gov with "Goshute WSA EA" in the subject line. Please ensure your input is as specific as possible.

Before including your address, phone number, email address, or other personal identifying information in your input, you should be aware that your entire comment, including your personal identifying information, would be made part of the public record for the project, and may be made publicly available at any time. While you may ask the BLM in your comment to

withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we would be able to do so.

For more information, contact Bruce Thompson, Wild Horse Specialist, at (775) 753-0200.

Sincerely,

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Cc: attached